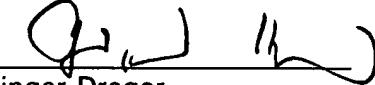


The issuance of an early Office Action on the merits of the present invention is respectfully solicited.

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